

Ventura's Diverse Inhabitants

Yee Heaung "Minnie" Bock

(1878-1913) was wife to Soo Hoo "Charlie" Bock (1853-1907), who arrived in Ventura from China around 1877, and became a partner in the Wing Tai Yuen & Company store on Figueroa Street in Ventura's Chinatown. Bock sold merchandise, conducted labor contracting, and performed special services for the Chinese community – particularly shipping the remains of deceased Chinese immigrants in white cotton bags and metal urns back to their home country for final burial after a first interment in Ventura for two to ten years.

Ynez Sanches (d. 1862) was the first person to be buried here in the Catholic Cemetery on October 21, 1862, by Mission San Buenaventura priest Juan Comapla.



*Minnie Soo Hoo
Museum of Ventura County*



Fazio Store

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Augustino Fazio (d. 1911) came here from Italy in 1879, and eventually went to work as head carpenter for the Ventura Wharf Company for 24 years. Brothers Frank, Bernardo and Caesar followed and by 1884 they had established the Fazio Brothers general merchandise store on East Main Street.

Henry Dubbers (1819-1890)

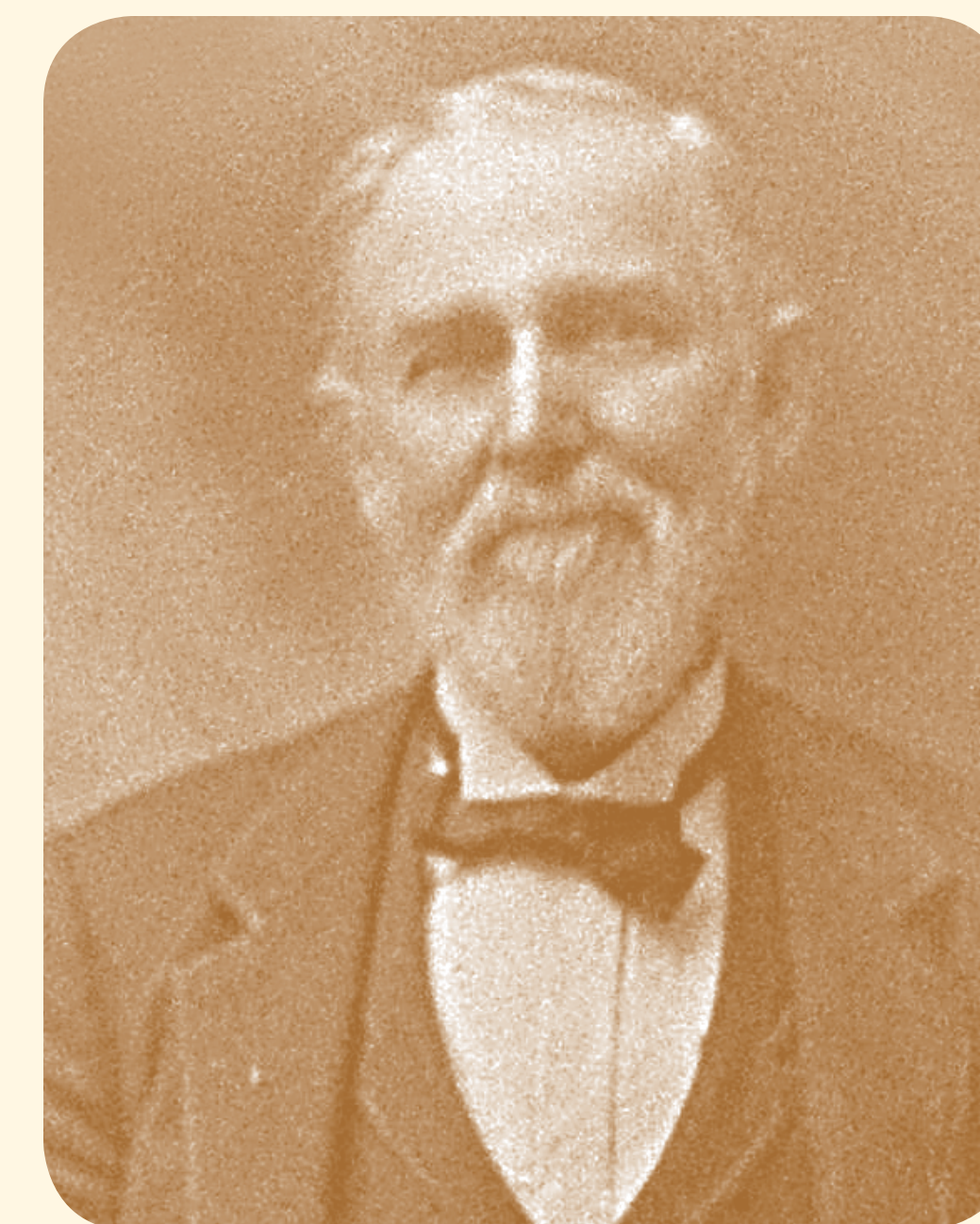
emigrated from Germany in 1851. After living in San Francisco, Dubbers arrived in Ventura around 1865. The California Petroleum Company hired him to ship supplies and manage well machinery for Ventura's recently discovered oil fields, enabling him to purchase 930 acres of Rancho Santa Ana to raise wheat and barley.



*Henry Dubbers
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Jesse Allan Shaw

(1827-1900) came to Ventura from Massachusetts in 1868 to become, with son Selwyn, a prolific builder in the growing town.



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Cemetery Memorial Park

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